

relating to the right to a de novo hearing before the referring court regarding a temporary order rendered by an associate judge in certain family law proceedings.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 201.015(a), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A party may request a de novo hearing before the referring court by filing with the clerk of the referring court a written request not later than the third working day after the date the party receives notice of:

- (1) the substance of the associate judge's report as provided by Section 201.011; or
- (2) the rendering of the temporary order, if the request concerns a temporary order rendered by an associate judge under Section 201.007(a)(14)(C).

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on May 5, 2015: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 23, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 16, 2015.

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RIGHTS OF AN OWNER OF GROUNDWATER

CHAPTER 590

H.B. No. 4112

AN ACT

relating to the rights of an owner of groundwater.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 36.002, Water Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b) The groundwater ownership and rights described by this section[:

[~~(1)~~] entitle the landowner, including a landowner's lessees, heirs, or assigns, to:

(1) drill for and produce the groundwater below the surface of real property, subject to Subsection (d), without causing waste or malicious drainage of other property or negligently causing subsidence; and

(2) have any other right recognized under common law.

(b-1) The groundwater ownership and rights described by this section do [~~not~~ but does] not:

(1) entitle a landowner, including a landowner's lessees, heirs, or assigns, to the right to capture a specific amount of groundwater below the surface of that landowner's land; or [~~and~~]

(2) [~~do not~~] affect the existence of common law defenses or other defenses to liability under the rule of capture.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on May 8, 2015: Yeas 132, Nays 1, 3 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 23, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM

CHAPTER 591

S.B. No. 100

AN ACT

relating to the enterprise zone program.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 2303.003, Government Code, is amended by amending Subdivision (7) and adding Subdivision (9) to read as follows:

(7) "Qualified employee" means a person who:

- (A) works for a qualified business;
- (B) receives wages from the qualified business from which employment taxes are deducted; and
- (C) performs at least 50 percent of the person's service for the business at the qualified business site, *or if the person engages in the transportation of goods or services, the person reports to the qualified business site and resides within 50 miles of the qualified business site* ~~[unless the person's job responsibility is to transport or deliver the enterprise project's goods or services].~~

(9) "Veteran" means a person who:

- (A) has served in:
 - (i) the army, navy, air force, coast guard, or marine corps of the United States;
 - (ii) the state military forces as defined by Section 431.001; or
 - (iii) an auxiliary service of one of those branches of the armed forces; and
- (B) has been honorably discharged from the branch of the service in which the person served.

SECTION 2. Section 2303.004, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the governing body of a county ~~[with a population of one million or more]~~ may nominate for designation as an enterprise project a project or activity of a qualified business that is located within the jurisdiction of a municipality located in the county. ~~[For purposes of this subsection, a county during any biennium may not use in any one municipality more than three of the maximum number of designations the county is permitted under Section 2303.406(d)(2).]~~

(c) *Before a county makes a nomination under Subsection (b), the nominating county must enter into an interlocal agreement with the municipality that has jurisdiction of the territory in which the nominated project or activity will be located. The interlocal agreement must specify that either the nominating county or the municipality that has jurisdiction of the territory in which the nominated project or activity will be located is the governmental body having administration authority under Section 2303.201 and that both the nominating county and municipality approve the nomination. For purposes of this subsection, a county during any biennium may use the maximum number of designations the county is permitted under Section 2303.406(d) within the territory described by this subsection.*

SECTION 3. Section 2303.201, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2303.201. ADMINISTRATION BY GOVERNING BODY. (a) The governing body of an enterprise zone is the governing body of the municipality or county with juris-